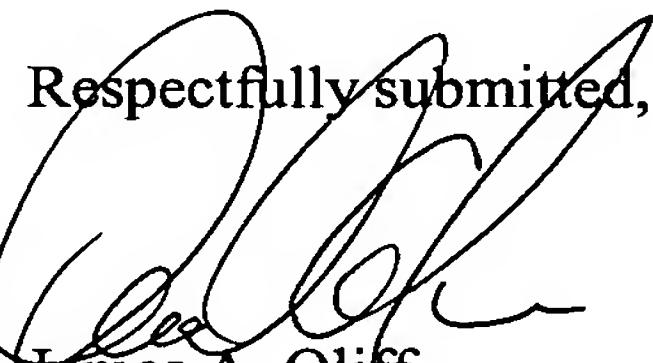


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 5 - 8 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform the claims to U.S. practice. No new matter is added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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